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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour
and 2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

S.Con.Res. 89—Establishing a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

S.Con.Res. 90—Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Rotunda

H.R. 3845—Small Business Investment Corrections Act

H.R. 3699—Designating the Joel T. Broyhill Post Office

H.R. 3701—Designating the Joseph L. Fisher Post Office

H.Res. 431—Expressing Support for Humanitarian Assistance to Mozambique

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Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following six bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

S.Con.Res. 89 establishes a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect on January 20, 2001. The joint committee will consist of three senators and three House members, appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, and may make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration on January 20, 2001. The committee is authorized to use federally-owned goods and services to establish the inauguration proceedings and may accept gifts and donations in connection with carrying out the ceremony. The resolution was not considered by a House committee and was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent on March 2.

S.Con.Res. 90 authorizes the use of the Capitol Rotunda on January 20, 2001, by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect. The resolution was not considered by a House committee and was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent on March 2.

H.R. 3845—Small Business Investment Corrections Act makes a number of technical corrections to the 1958 Small Business Investment Act (*P.L. 85-699*) to improve the flexibility of the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program and improve small business access to this program.

Specifically, the bill:

- * makes minor corrections to regulations to save time and resources for both the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the SBIC;
- * removes restrictions on the period of time for investments, allowing SBICs and small businesses to fashion flexible investment agreements to meet the needs of both parties in accordance with the dictates of the commercial marketplace;
- * strikes the one percent interest obligation imposed on SBICs in 1996 to reduce the SBA's appropriated cost of supporting the SBIC program. This change permits the SBA to adjust the additional interest and prioritized payment rates annually based on annual subsidy rate calculations; and
- * strikes three technical provisions in current law that are expected to have no substantive impact on the SBIC program.

An official CBO cost estimate was unavailable at press time. The bill was introduced by Mr. Talent and was reported by the Small Business Committee by voice vote on March 9, 2000.

H.R. 3699 designates the post office located at 8409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia as the "Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building." Mr. Broyhill served as a United States Representative for the 10th district of Virginia from 1953-1974. He was a member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the District of Columbia Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee. The former congressman is a decorated veteran who served in WWII and survived a German POW camp. The bill was introduced by Mr. Wolf *et al.* and was reported by the Government Reform Committee by voice vote on March 9, 2000.

H.R. 3701 designates the post office located at 3118 Washington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia as the "Joseph L. Fisher Post Office." The late Joseph Fisher served from 1975-1981 as the United States Representative for Virginia's 10th district. The former congressman dedicated his life to public service serving in the military, the U.S. Department of State, and the Arlington County Board. He is survived by his wife, seven children, sixteen grandchildren, and two great grandsons. The bill was introduced by Mr. Wolf *et al.* and was reported by the Government Reform Committee by voice vote on March 9, 2000.

H.Res. 431 expresses the sense of the House to (1) commend the Republic of South Africa for its quick response and assistance to Mozambique; (2) commend the government of the United Kingdom for announcing debt cancellation for Mozambique so that its financial resources may be dedicated to the national relief and recovery effort; (3) commend the Clinton Administration for its growing involvement and leader-

ship in coordinating America's disaster assistance package to the nation; (4) urge the U.S. government to take the lead in coordinating international efforts to help Mozambique salvage what remains of this year's food crops and to provide seeds for rural agricultural growers; (5) encourage the international community to continue to provide emergency relief, airlift capacity, and other disaster assistance to Mozambique for the next 90 days; (6) urge the international community to take all necessary steps to locate and demarcate areas that may now harbor semi-buoyant plastic land mines transported to new locations by the flooding in Mozambique; (7) request that the international community develop a coordinated response to the government of Mozambique's request for recovery and reconstruction assistance for buildings and transportation infrastructure; and (8) encourage the international community to assist the nations of southern Africa to increase their capacity to respond to national emergencies and natural disasters. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Meeks *et al.* and was reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on March 9, 2000.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXIX, #6, March 10, 2000.

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